A DECLARATION *made upon Oath at* Boſton, *in* New England, *before Governor* SHIRLEY, *and ſigned by his Excellency.* (See *p.* 577.)

PHilemon Sanders of *Salem*, mariner, and late maſter and owner of the ſchooner *Charming Molly*; declares and ſays, that he was taken on the 9th of *Auguſt* laſt, near a place on the coaſt of *Nova Scotia*, call'd *Witbehead*, 5 leagues weſtward of *Canſo*, by a *French* man of war of 30 guns, named the *Magere*, and by her carried into *Chebucto*, where he arrived about four days after he was taken, and found the duke *D'Anville*, admiral of the *French* ſquadron, with 5 ſail of ſhips of war, and as many tranſports in the ſaid harbour. That 3 days after the declarant's arrival, the duke *D'Anville* died at *Chebucto*, on board the *Northumberland*, and was buried on a ſmall iſland about four miles within the mouth of the harbour. That two days after the death of the duke *D'Anville*, the *French* rear-admiral, with about 40 ſail of ſhips, conſiſting of men of war and tranſports, arrived at *Chebucto*, and joined the reſt of the fleet; that the declarant was informed by many of the *French* officers, that the whole fleet when they ſail'd from *Rochford*, conſiſted of 97 ſail, among which there were about 30 ſail of men of war, 4 whereof were 70 gun ſhips, and were parted from the fleet by bad weather, and ſuppoſed to be gone to *Martinico*; that upon the fleet's firſt coming into harbour they were much ſhatter'd by bad weather, and the men very ſickly; that they landed their ſick at *Chebucto* for their refreſhment; and the whole of the land forces from *France*, which were encamp'd on ſhore, he is well ſatisfied by his own obſervation of the tents, officers and men (having been permitted to go on ſhore without reſtraint) amounted to 7 or 8000.

That the declarant was informed by the *French* officers that there were 40,000 ſmall arms, with proportionable ammunition and blankets, brought for the *French Indians*; and that he ſaw upwards of 100 cheſts of ſmall arms, with a great quantity of lead, landed out of the ſhip which took this declarant; that beſides the land forces brought from *France*, this declarant was informed that there were about 7000 *Canadean French* and *Indians*, but is not ſure whether they might not reckon the *Nova Scotians* among them, there being 30 pilots at *Chebucto* from *Menis* and *Schiegnecto*, one of which, who ſpoke good *Engliſh*, he aſked how he dared to come there to pilot the enemies ſhips; upon which he made anſwer in *Engliſh*, that *Annapolis* would ſoon be taken, and then they ſhould be *French* ſubjects again; and added, that the oath they had taken to the king of *Great Britain* obliged them only to be neuters; that this deponent continued at *Chebucto* a priſoner to the 12th inſtant, when a flag of truce arrived from *Louiſbourg* with 40 *French* priſoners; that the next day the whole fleet ſail'd from *Chebucto*, being about 40 ſail, with the wind at N. N. W. and ſteer'd S. W. along ſhore for *Cape Sables*, off which Cape, on the 16th Inſt. they diſmiſs'd the flag of truce with two ſchooners, which the captain of the flag of truce had purchaſed of the *French* at *Chebucto*, in one of which he put this declarant as maſter, with ſix other *Engliſhmen*, who forc'd this deponent to come to *New England*, where he arrived this day at *Cape Anne*, and he ſuppoſes the flag of truce, with the other ſchooner, is gone to *Louiſbourg*, where the captain had ordered him to go: this declarant further ſays, that ſix of the *French* ſhips that ſail'd out of *Chebucto* were men of war of 64 guns each, two of 54, one of 44, and about twelve of 30 guns, 1 bomb veſſel, and 18 tranſports; and he further ſays, that it was the general diſcourſe in the *French* fleet, when they ſail'd from *Chebucto*, that the whole fleet was bound for *Annapolis Royal*, and that the aforeſaid 30 pilots of *Nova Scotia* were taken on board the fleet for that purpoſe: that Capt. *Dolabaratz*, commander of the *Briſtol* frigate, of 30 guns, formerly an *Engliſh* privateer, informed this deponent, that the *French* admiral wrote to the court of *France*, by a packet he ſent home, that he would keep the ſeas, in order to get into the harbour of *Annapolis*, till the 15th of *November*, N.S. if he did not get in ſooner; that this deponent was further informed, by ſeveral of the officers on board the *French* ſhips, that ſoon after the fleet arrived, a ſnow was detach'd from them with packets to the court of *France*, to inform them of the arrival of the ſaid fleet at *Chebucto*, and their joining the *Indians* and *Canadeans* there; that they were preparing to ſail for *Annapolis Royal*, and that the captain of the ſaid ſnow had orders, in caſe ſhe ſhould be taken by the *Engliſh*, to ranſom his veſſel at any rate; and this declarant ſays, that the ſhip *Magere* (by which he was taken) being a prime ſailor, was fitted and put in

in order to be ready to ſail for *France* (as the captain of the ſaid ſhip, and the aforeſaid captain *Dolibaratz* often told him) upon their becoming maſters of *Annapolis Royal*, to inform the *French* court thereof, upon which intelligence they expected 18 *French* ſhips of the line and 22 *Spaniſh* men of war of the line, would be ſent early in the ſpring to join their fleet upon the coaſt, which this deponent obſerved was a matter generally believed and depended upon amongſt them. This deponent further ſays, he ſaw a great number of large braſs cannon taken out of a *Dutch* flyboat, and ſent on board the admiral, which he was told were to the number of fifty, and were to be put aſhore at *Annapolis Royal:* this declarant further ſaith, that, while he was at *Chebucto*, he ſaw about 20 officers, who, he was informed, were all engineers, being dreſs'd in grey, with black velvet cuffs, and metal buttons, and long pockets, which, he was told, was the proper habit of *French* engineers. This deponent further declares, that it was a general diſcourſe among the officers, that the merchants of *St Maloes* (whoſe intereſt in the navigation depended on the fiſh trade) had ſuffered ſo much by the taking of *Cape Breton*, that they petitioned the *French* king to permit them to fit out an armament in order to the taking of *Annapolis Royal*; but the *French* miniſtry adviſed his majeſty to undertake it himſelf, becauſe the revenue ariſing from the fiſh trade would be an ample recompence to him for the expence, this declarant further ſaith, that ſeveral of the officers anſwer'd him that they would ruin and deſtroy the frontier ſettlements of the *Engliſh* colonies; and he perceived in general that they had a great dependance upon getting a ſtrong footing upon the continent of *North America*.

Boſton, Oct. 22. PHIL. SANDERS.
WM SHIRLEY.

Further Declaration made before the Council.

PHilemon *Sanders* of *Salem*, mariner, and late of the ſchooner *Charming Molly*, in ſupplement of his declaration made upon oath before his excellency the governor the 22d inſtant, relating to the *French* fleet at *Chebucto*, further declareth and ſaith, That three of the ſaid fleet, being men of war of 30 guns, with two ſmaller ones, left the fleet; and four of them went to *Canada*, the other (a cruizer) return'd and joined the fleet the day they ſailed from *Chebucto*. Another ſhip was diſpatch'd to *France*, and another to *Martinico*; and further, this declarant ſaith, that Capt. *Dolabaratz*, commander of the *Briſtol* frigate (one of the *French* men of war, formerly an *Engliſh* privateer) aſſured him, that the *French* inhabitants of *Menis* and *Schiegnecto* ſent a petition to the *French* king, wherein they undertook, with the help of two 30 gun ſhips, to reduce his majeſty's fort at *Annapolis Royal*, and that the ſaid *French* inhabitants voluntarily ſupplied the *French* fleet with 500 black cattle, and about 1500 or 2000 ſheep; and further this declarant ſays, that he was informed by the *French* officers, that the ſaid fleet had brought 25 mortars with them; and he further ſaith, that he had ſeen divers of the *French* engineers at *Chebucto* with the plan of *Annapolis Royal* before them, which they ſeem'd very intent upon, and pointed out the proper places for building forts there; and further he ſaith, he was told by ſeveral *French* officers, that it was deſigned, that the large men of war ſhould winter at *Caſco* Bay, within this province. And this declarant further ſaith, that divers of the *Engliſh* priſoners on board the *French* ſhips inform'd him, that when the fleet ſtruck the ground near the iſle of *Sables*, they conſiſted of 97 ſail.

Boſton, Oct. 23. PHIL. SANDERS.

*** Nathaniel Knight, *mariner, and others, made declaration, on oath, to the ſame effect.*

Succeſs of Dr BARKER'*s Method of treating the Diſtemper among* COWS.

SIR, Northampton, Dec. 31, 1746.

NO *motive* but a ſincere regard to the PUBLIC GOOD engaged me to ſend you thoſe Remarks founded on Dr *Barker*'s reaſoning, in his pamphlet relating to the diſtemper amongſt the cattle, which were inſerted in your Magazine of the laſt month.

I have not the pleaſure of any *perſonal* acquaintance with that *ingenious* gentleman, nor have I any inclination to *debate* or *decide* upon what he has ſaid in his pamphlet with regard to the diſeaſe as not INFECTIOUS:——But having (*ſince* you publiſhed my Obſervations) receiv'd a *very obliging* letter from him in which he favours me with ſome account of the SUCCESS of his method which I think may be *conducive* to the GENERAL Good, I thought it *incumbent* upon